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Applicant: Köster *et al.*
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GROUP STRATEGY FOR
MULTIFUNCTIONAL MOLECULES
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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed December 4, 2001, applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 4 and 11-16, directed to a process of generating a combinatorial set of core molecules of core structure M, and a combinatorial set of compounds with core structure M. Applicant further elects, without traverse, the species where the reactive moiety is a phosphate group (claim 11), and the linkage is a trityl ether (claim 16). Claims 4 and 11-16 read on the elected species.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~26-36~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

A check for a one month extension of time (\$55 - small entity) accompanies this response. Any fees that may be due in connection with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.